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DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

We are requested to give notice, that a general Meeting of the Democrats of New Hanover County, will be held at the Court House in Wilmington, on TUESDAY, MARCH 14th, 1854—being Tuesday of County Court week—for the purpose of sending Delegates to the State Convention, for the nomination of a Democratic Candidate for Governor. It will also devolve upon the meeting to consider the organization of the party in this County, with reference to the August elections for Governor and Members of the Legislature.

A full attendance is earnestly requested, as it is important that the whole matter should fully and fairly be considered and decided upon.

January 6, 1854. 18-tn

We have been requested to give place to the following notice for a

Democratic Meeting in Sampson County.

A Democratic Meeting of the Citizens of Sampson County, will be held at the Court House in Clinton, on Saturday, the 11th inst., to appoint Delegates to represent the County in the State Convention, for the nomination of a candidate for Governor, and for such other objects as said meeting may deem it expedient to act upon. MANY CITIZENS.

The Journal.

We have never had any just cause to complain of our patronage, nor have we now. It has been liberal. How far we have deserved that liberality it is not for us to say, but that we have earnestly endeavored to do so, we can most confidently affirm; we trust that we have earned a right to solicit the good offices of our friends in extending our circulation. It shall be our effort to justify any good things that they may feel themselves justified in saying in our behalf.

An exciting canvass is about to commence in this State. We hope throughout that contest to discharge our whole duty to the Democratic party and its principles, without descending to personality or vituperation towards our opponents. We expect to present questions upon their own merits; to discuss them fully and understandingly, from an examination of facts and authority, so that whether we make converts to our opinions, or fail in so doing, we shall at least aid in the dissemination of correct information upon topics of public interest.

War in Europe is a settled question; it can be no longer avoided—and every steamer may announce the commencement of actual hostilities between France and England and Russia, involving all the other powers. The events of this contest will be among the most momentous in the history of mankind. It is no exaggeration to say that millions may yet be brought out in hostile array; nor can it be said that our interest in these transactions is slight. A nation of so extended a commerce as ours cannot be indifferent to the great convulsions of a world with which she has so many relations.

Congress will also be occupied with questions of momentous interest, involving the settlement of differences and sectional disputes which have convulsed the country, as well as of matters having reference to her foreign relations and financial policy.

All these things, together with the markets and commercial news, will be found faithfully given in the Journal. Of the accuracy of our reports of markets it is unnecessary for us to speak. We think it will not be disputed.

The amount of reading matter in the Journal speaks for itself. Look at it, supplement and all! We will venture to say that it is not exceeded even by Northern mammoth sheets, filled with namby-pamby tales, printed a week before their date, and the news a week old before it is printed. The Journal is gotten up in no such way. Every article is written or selected with reference to its practical value to our readers. Its views upon political and other topics are carefully digested, and will, it is hoped, be found reliable and trustworthy. Its news is brought up to date—to the arrival of the very last mail—to the moment of going to press. Our new machinery enables us to go to press late on Thursday.

It has never been an object of ambition with us to publish a paper for nothing or next to nothing. We ask a fair price, and desire to give a full equivalent. We bear in mind the story of the Indian Preacher, who told the traveller that he preached for fifty dollars a year. "D—d poor preach," said the traveller, "D—d poor preach, too," said the Indian. Anything that is really worth having, is really worth paying for, and has to be paid for. It is so in every thing else, as well as newspapers.

Now we do want some several hundreds more of good and true men, just like those we have got. It will enable us to do still better, for we make it a rule to take no step backwards. We ask our friends in all sincerity to make a little effort. Not to hide their light under a bushel—not to be selfish and keep all the good things to themselves, but let their neighbors also know about them, and where they are to be found—namely, in the Journal, at \$2.50 per annum, in advance. The Daily paper is \$6, and invaluable to business men and others who can get it daily.

Robbers.

Our town has been the scene of two or three high handed robberies recently.

An individual was accosted at the Depot the other evening by a couple of men, who, in the course of conversation, offered to show the stranger a famous locality in the vicinity, a battle ground or something of the sort. Upon repairing to the spot, they rifled his pockets of their contents, taking away from him several hundred dollars.

A young man from the country, in passing along a wharf, came up to two men in conversation, who seemed to grow excited about the matter under consideration, until one finally offered to bet the other one hundred and fifty dollars on the correctness of his judgment; a proposition instantly embraced by the other, who produced a check for four or five hundred dollars, which he asked the countryman to change, so that he might close the bet with his antagonist. The latter had not the amount, but had about one hundred and thirty dollars, which he after remarking loaned to the owner of the check; the latter perceiving that he would have to return the money, and return him the balance. It was then that the countryman found no funds to honor the check; or the two accomplices either, who had disappeared on his return.

An outrage of a worse character, though probably for the same cause, occurred on Saturday evening last. A young gentleman on repairing to his house in the lower part of the town, was attacked by a man who sprang from behind a tree, and who aimed a murderous blow at his life with a knife. The weapon, however, only penetrated his coat, and ere the attack could be repeated, the ruffian received such stunning blows with a stick from the party attacked, that he sought refuge in flight.

The perpetrators of these outrages have thus far escaped. Our police cannot be too watchful, nor our citizens too careful of their premises, when deeds of this character are being perpetrated in our midst.

These robbers are doubtless the parties who entered a jewelry store in Goldsboro' the other evening, and rifled it of a large portion of its contents.—Herald.

ARRESTED.—Two men were arrested last Tuesday at Strickland's Depot, on the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road, by Deputy Sheriff Alderman and John Nutt Esq., on suspicion of having been engaged in the various robberies alluded to above, by the Herald of this morning. They gave for their names Henry

Howard, and Nick Sparks, or Parker. They were committed to jail Tuesday night by W. N. Peden, Esq., for further investigation. Seven or eight hundred Dollars were found upon their persons. Also Blank Checks on various Banks of the States. Also Rail Road Checks for baggage, besides some other articles of a suspicious nature. We do not deem it necessary or proper to go into a detailed statement of their arrest at the present time. Too much praise cannot, however, be awarded to Capt. Knight, of the freight train, for their arrest.

HEAVY FRESHET.

CONGAREE RIVER OVERFLOWED—TWO HUNDRED YARDS SOUTH CAROLINA RAIL ROAD WASHED UP—MANCHESTER TRESTLE WORK AT WATEREE IN DANGER.

We learn from passengers and officials on the Wilmington and Manchester Cars, which arrived this morning, that the Congaree River rose to a tremendous height yesterday morning. At Kingsville, the rise was about seven inches per hour. At the time the Manchester cars left Kingsville yesterday evening, from 150 to 200 yards of the South Carolina Rail Road had washed up in two different places, about a mile from the junction, and the water was still rising. The mails and passengers had to be conveyed over the breaks by means of hand cars. Great fears were entertained for the safety of the Waterree Trestle-work on the Manchester Road. At Camden yesterday morning the water was higher than it was last year, when so much damage was done to the Camden Road. It was feared the water would reach the top of the Trestle by day light this morning. We hope the fears entertained may not be realized.

Daily Journal, 1st inst.

The Herald and Commercial do not appear to like our innocent remarks about the nomination of General Dockery; although, if the truth were told, they would like a little chance to grumble on their own account. They're not half satisfied. "What's Dockery to them or they to Dockery?" But that's none of our business; only, somehow or other, we can't help admiring the deep pathos of the Commercial's article of last Saturday, headed "General Dockery and Mr. Davis." We have a sort of shadowy suspicion that Mr. Loring wanted to be funny at our expense—but his phlegm overcame him, and his wit waxed melancholy. Evidently, he feels bad—very bad—don't like it a bit—grumbles half aloud D-o-c-k-e-r-y. A most unpropitious name is Dockery, and rhymes to no known substance, save and except crockery; as thus—

They went to Raleigh and they smash'd the crockery;
They throw'd themselves away on General Dockery.

Of course, the poetry is not much to brag of, but then it is "free gratis, for nothing." But seriously, we do not care for saying anything more than we can help, until both parties have candidates in the field, and most assuredly then and always we shall endeavor to meet the issues presented, with as little reference to the individual candidates as possible. General Dockery is a very respectable gentleman in private life, and so will be the candidate of the Democratic party—and we shall hope to see them both treated with all due consideration.—But, as a public man, the General is open to animadversion, and his party friends must expect that he will be animadverted upon, and paths will be misplaced.

The Governorship.

We publish a communication signed "A Mountain Democrat," and written by a highly respectable and intelligent Democrat of the West, without wishing, at this stage of the matter, to express any further preference for any particular individual although our own views remain unchanged. But these views have been indicated; others may, and no doubt do entertain different views in regard to the person to be selected as the Democratic standard bearer. The object of Democrats in bringing the names of distinguished members of the party to the notice of the Democracy is a friendly exchange of views, and not a controversy about the respective merits of the different gentlemen proposed. As a general rule, the Counties which have held meetings have wisely, we think, left the matter open for the action of their delegates, after consultation with others from all parts of the State. Whoever is nominated will receive a hearty support.

The New Light Boat.

The New Light Boat, called the "Frying Pan Shoals," recently built in Baltimore for the *Frying Pan Shoals*, near Cape Fear, arrived here on Tuesday from Smithville, where she has been several weeks. She is about 240 tons burthen. We presume she will be placed in service in a short time.

ROBBERY.—We learn that, on Saturday evening last, the Jewelry store of Mr. W. Seymour, of Goldsboro', was broken into while he was at tea, and an amount of Jewelry valued at \$2,500 carried off. No clue has yet been found to the perpetrator.

WE learn that there has been a heavy rise in the water courses above, enabling the Steamer J. H. Houghton to come over the lower dam. We learn further, that the Look at this Dam has been finished, and is ready for boats, &c., to pass through it.

The Late Rains.

Have been very destructive to property, both North and South. Several Railroad Bridges have been swept off, and other damage sustained. The mails have consequently been detained. There was no connection of the cars at Weldon last night, in consequence of Squash Creek Bridge having been carried away.

The cars from the South arrived this morning, but brought no mail. The South Carolina cars were unable to connect with the Manchester train, in consequence of their Road having been washed up, as stated yesterday. It is also reported that the water in the Waterree River had rose four feet above the rails on the Waterree Trestle work. This trestle is four miles long. The Great Pee Dee is also said to be very full.—Daily Journal, 2d inst.

Fire in Clinton.

We regret to learn that Mr. B. R. Hood's blacksmith shop, in Clinton, together with a large quantity of tools, &c., was destroyed by fire on the night of the 28th ult. Insurance on the building \$300. Messrs. W. Johnson & Co's store, and B. R. Hood's carriage manufactory narrowly escaped the conflagration.

Our Wilmington exel angles are extremely slow in reaching us. The Journal is always two days old when received, and the Commercial frequently three, and sometimes we get two numbers of the latter paper of different dates at the same time. On an average we get the New York and Washington city papers as early as those of Wilmington. This should be remedied.—Fayetteville Carolinian.

Our Daily paper is issued in time for the two o'clock Mail, and is regularly put in the Pouch for Warsaw. It remains at that office till 6 A. M. next morning, and should reach Fayetteville the evening after its publication.

The weekly Journal leaves here on Friday morning, and should reach Fayetteville on Saturday evening.

Later from Havana.

The Steamer Isabel arrived at Charleston on last Saturday morning, with Havana and Key West dates to the 22d inst. She brings no news of importance. The markets will be found under "Commercial" head.

Our attention has been called to a deficiency in the number of Lumber Inspectors in the place.—We learn that there are but two Inspectors of this class, and that very material delay is experienced in consequence thereof, which often results in the loss of quantities of lumber from storms. We mention the matter merely with a view of bringing it before the public. County Court will be in session week after next, when we have no doubt the Magistracy of the county will, if it is in their power, provide a remedy.

The steamer J. H. Houghton, Capt. Lamont, arrived here last Tuesday with lighters Averayboro' and Summerville in charge, with freight, 2200 bbls. Roan, from Averayboro' and Red Rock. Consigned to K. M. Murchison Esq., Commission Merchant.

For the Wilmington Journal.

Dr. Columbus Mills.

Messrs. FULTON & PRICE.—I believe your paper was the first to bring forward the name of the above gentleman in connection with the office of Governor; and I was pleased to see how heartily it was responded to by the Democratic press throughout the State. The West is entitled to the candidate—she deserves it for the noble conduct of her Democracy through long years of disaster and grief, in the face of a proud, predominant and insolent foe; and though she has several noble sons worthy of all honor, yet I feel that I speak the sentiment of a large majority of the party in the West, when I say that the name of no one, as our standard bearer in the ensuing campaign, would be hailed with such delight as that of Dr. Columbus Mills.

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ARRIVAL OF THE EUROPA.

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE. NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Europa brings Liverpool dates to the 11th inst., being three days later than the accounts to the Baltic.

No decisive question has taken place in the Eastern question. The Eastern Question.—The Governments of France and England continue to make active preparations for prosecuting the war in the East.

The Turkish Cabinet had been dismissed, and one more in favor of a compromise with Russia had been formed. A dispatch from Vienna states that Count Orloff left that city on the 8th, for St. Petersburg, taking with him the most positive assurance that both Austria and Prussia would remain neutral.

Although the Russian Envoy had offered to give up all pretension to treat with Turkey alone, his new proposition had been rejected.

The English Ambassador was very positive in consequence of express instructions he had received from home on the subject.

The Russian army of occupation is represented in a most pitiable condition, being 35,000 men weaker than when it left the Pruth.

A dispatch from Vienna, dated Wednesday morning, states that negotiations for peace were still going on.

The Emperor of France had sent an autograph letter to the Czar, in which he makes a last appeal to the good sense of Nicholas.

Omur Pacha had been entirely restored to health. Wallachian General, two or three Americans and several French and Swedish officers had arrived at head quarters, to take service in the Ottoman army.

Large reinforcements have marched from Sophia for Kalaif, where already an army of 25,000 men has assembled. They are provided with numerous and excellent trains of artillery.

Before the entry of the allied fleets into the Black Sea, Russian cruisers were constantly on observation upon the coast, but since their arrival the latter have entire y disappeared.

The Turks had complete possession of Euxine. The combined fleets re-entered the Black Sea on the 24th.

The military operations in Asia had been suspended. A vast conspiracy to raise an insurrection among the Greeks on the banks of the Danube, had been discovered. Four hundred insurgents had sworn to die in defence of the Cross and the Greek Church.

A sanguinary action had taken place at Guergers, with great loss of life. Three thousand Turks having crossed the Danube, they drove in the Russian advanced posts, and, they, after attacking the town, retired.

Letters from the Danubian Principalities give the most deplorable picture of the misery which exists among the agricultural population, who have been driven from their houses by the invaders, and compelled to transport troops and build barracks, and perform other forced duties. The disasters of a portion of the Wallachian population were so great that they are emigrating in masses into the Austrian and Turkish provinces, or were taking up arms in order to resist the outrages of which they are made the victims.

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A portion of the rebel forces had marched north from Nankin and captured Tiesin.

The Emperor of Japan is certainly dead, and in consequence thereof the court would be mourning two years, during which time no embassies would be received.

The Latest Intelligence.

The London Times of Saturday gives the following as the present condition of the Eastern question:

If the German Powers, particularly Austria, adhere to their engagements with the Western States, the chance for peace in Europe are very small; but nevertheless, the war will be a very limited one. If, on the contrary, Russia overpowers the independence of the German States, war is not only inevitable, but must assume a more general and aggravated character.

The London Herald repeats that the number of troops to be sent from England is ten thousand, and that a number more were to be held in readiness should they be required. The following troops were to sail on the 8th: the 7th, 28th and 33d Battalions of Guards; the 21st Battalion of Rifles; also, the Artillery, numbering four companies. The Curuard and other details of the troops are the Himalaya, the Reporter and the Manilla.

Latest by the Europa.

Paris, Feb. 10.—Bourse firm, without much business. The close closed at 68 90. Four-and-a-half per cents, 97 90.

St. Petersburg dispatches of February 1st had been received in Paris. The excitement was very great. The war party was very enthusiastic, and the peace party was anxious. Nothing transpired in official circles. The Emperor was suffering from an attack of bile, accompanied by fever. The presence of Russia, under the influence of the Emperor, was a great deal of trouble.

LONDON.—The battalions of guards, with six regiments of the line, are under orders to embark for the Mediterranean on the 10th of the present month. Their destination, in the first instance, will probably be Malta. The six regiments of this line are Irish infantry mostly.

St. Petersburg.—Advices of the 2d Feb., say that the fact of several purchases of arms indicate that there are some operators who still doubt the probability of a blockade.

MARSEILLES.—There was a considerable decline in wheat, and 50 or 60 shiploads were about to be sent to England.

The Europa's News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The news by the Europa reports a decline of 1s. 6d. in Flour, 1s. 6d. in Corn, and 4d. in Wheat, during the week.

In Eastern affairs, no actual change has taken place. The Czar has returned no answer to the note of France and England. Fighting continues on the Danube.

The bark Swan, from Buenos Ayres, arrived at Boston on the 27th ult., with dates from Buenos Ayres to the 8th of January.

Exchange on the United States 3 per cent, discount; Doubloons 280 to 296.

Advices from Montevideo represent that the advantage obtained by Moreno lasted but a short time. His forces were completely routed and dispersed by Colonel Forbes. Moreno escaped to Entre Rios.

From the North Carolina Republican.

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